



**Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,**

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2008, a year that promises to be filled with new challenges and opportunities for all of us in District 10. I look forward to taking on new responsibilities as a representative on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board (VTA) and continuing in my role as Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, as well as a member of the Emergency Preparedness Council. While I promise to keep you informed on the latest information in these important areas, I felt the need to address the importance of staying prepared during the coming Winter months in this issue of my newsletter. As our community deals with the threat of flooding and power outages, it is critical that residents have the resources that are necessary to make it safely through what is looking to be a very wet and blustery season.

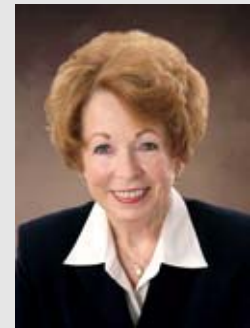
With the first major winter storms of the season arriving during the first weekend of January, I'm pleased to say the City was on the ball, coordinating with PG&E and the Santa Clara Valley Water District to ensure that our residents remained safe and well served. Our Department of Transportation was also hard at work, clearing a majority of the City's storm catch basins and continuing to do so until all 28,500 have been cleaned. The Department of Public Works is also monitoring water levels at reservoirs and creeks, while working in coordination with the Water District. In addition, the Water District is hosting numerous sandbag stations throughout Santa Clara County. For District 10, residents can pick up sandbags to protect their property from minor flooding at the **Santa Clara Valley Water District Winfield Warehouse located at 5905 Winfield Boulevard, between Blossom Hill Road and Coleman Avenue.** Blocked drains are actually the greatest cause of minor flooding in residential areas. **If you see debris that is impacting a drain or trees that have fallen during a storm, don't hesitate to call the water district's watershed hotline at 265-2607, extension 2378.**

PG&E crews have also been preparing for power line disruptions due to the harsh weather conditions which are expected in the first part of 2008. More than 80 crews from out-of-state have joined hundreds of PG&E crews that have been dispatched to assist in the restoration efforts, including many who are actively working with residents in the City of San Jose. As of Sunday, January 6th, there were 3,051 customers without power in the San Jose area. This is compared to the 59,814 customers who were without power on Friday, January 4th 2008. PG&E is working incredibly hard to ensure that residents throughout San Jose have their power restored quickly during an outage. **Residents are encouraged to call 1-800-PGE-5002 to report outages and receive updated information.**

As a quick reminder, during a power outage it is important to remain calm, unplug or turn off all major appliances to avoid any overloads or fire hazards

and leave a single light on to alert you when power is restored. Keep a fresh supply of batteries available for your flashlights and emergency radios, which are critical equipment in this day and age. Also remember to use any candles in a safe and responsible manner if flashlights or other light sources are unavailable.

## January 2008 Issue



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Following a recent storm, a large Monterey pine tree lays next to a house on Allston Way in District 10. The home's owner, Mr. John Jessen, said that they will not know for some time the extent of the damage, but it broke some parts of the internal house structure. A bath tub dropped an inch and many ceiling plaster board panels were broken loose. It required a crane to remove the tree from the house. This picture shows Mr. Jessen's sons standing next to the remaining trunk pieces that were left following the emergency removal.

Also keep a corded phone on hand if you commonly rely on a cell phone or wireless handset, as these most likely will not work and cannot be recharged during a power outage. Keep a supply of fresh water on hand as well, both in the freezer as well as in the fridge. If the power goes out, use the frozen water to keep food in your refrigerator chilled until power is restored.

Taking the proper precautions and staying prepared can mean the difference between a great 2008 and the unfortunate alternative. For more information about getting prepared for the winter months, be sure to visit [www.sanjosca.gov](http://www.sanjosca.gov), [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org), and [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com). I wish you a happy, safe and prosperous new year and look forward to providing you with even more valuable City information in the coming months.

Wishing you the happiest and safest new years,



Nancy Pyle  
Councilmember, District Ten

### Citywide Update

- City Review of FEMA Flood Maps is Underway**

The City has received preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) from FEMA. These preliminary maps are being reviewed by Public Works staff for accuracy and staff will provide FEMA with feedback within the prescribed deadlines. At this point, it is still too early to report what flooding impacts San Jose will experience, however, some impacts are expected. As the review process moves forward and the impacts are better defined, staff will report to Council. Concurrently, staff is developing a communication plan for informing residents in potentially impacted areas of San Jose. These preliminary maps are part of the City's on-going coordination with FEMA's Map Modernization Project which will ultimately digitize all of Santa Clara County's Flood Insurance information.

- 400-Space Hourly Parking Lot Now Open at Airport**

As of last month, the Airport successfully opened the interim 400-space parking lot south of the Terminal C baggage claim area that will focus on service for hourly parkers who generally are "meeters and greeters" picking up passengers. The new lot will replace the current short-term surface lot across the road from the terminal and which is currently scheduled to close at the end of the month to allow for construction of the new rental car garage. The Airport will increase the daily maximum fee to \$40 at this new lot effective January 15th, 2008, as provided under Council-approved Rate Resolution, as a demand management measure to encourage daily parkers to use the Terminal A garage at \$30/day or long-term parking at \$15/day. The hourly fee for the new lot will remain at the current rate of \$3 per hour.

### Make An Impact in District 10!



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?  
For more information please contact the District 10  
Office at (408) 535-4910*

#### ***Start Your Day Off Right With the Almaden Business Association***

Join the ABA at their first meeting of the year, **January 10th 2008 at 8:00 am at Amato's Pizzeria** (6081 Meridian Ave., suite #60).

Come see a timely and informative presentation from the people who run BusinessOwnersSpace.com. The site is a great resource for small businesses on a number of issues that are regularly faced. Get your business off to a great start in 2008!

In addition, Councilmember Pyle will be in attendance and committee chairs will also be appointed. **Please RSVP to Ken Bryant at [kenbryant@mediate.com](mailto:kenbryant@mediate.com).**

#### **Hat's Off to the following individuals & groups for the month of January!**

- Congratulations to the SJPd for keeping District 10 safe.** In one instance during the month of December, three suspects made entry into Castillero Middle School, stealing three computers and then fleeing. After a security guard confronted the three juveniles, they dropped two of the computers and ran. Officers located two of the suspects around the corner from the school and officers conducting a follow-up investigation on an involved vehicle located the third suspect an hour later. **Way to go**



- **Record-Breaking Cleanup of Coyote Creek**

On December 15th, the City and Water District cleared 24 tons of trash from Coyote Creek - to date, the largest volume of trash collected in a single event under the three-year City-District Trash Prevention and Removal Memorandum of Agreement. The cleanup focused on three segments of Coyote Creek between Wool Creek Drive and Umbarger Road and was largely comprised of debris from illegal encampments and illegally-dumped household and commercial landscaping materials. City departments participating with the District were Environmental Services, Police, Transportation, Housing, and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services.

- **Library Director Nominated for Regional Award**

San Jose Public Library Director Jane Light, is a nominee for the YWCA of Silicon Valley's 2008 Tribute to Women Award (TWIN). Light was selected for her ability to muster resources with a collaborative spirit and to tackle difficult budget, personnel and facility challenges. She is considered a visionary that has dramatically improved service to city library patrons. Jane is credited with creating a model for branch libraries, dubbed the "San Jose Way," that is being adopted across the country. Her humor and positive attitude have forged a staff that focuses on customer need and innovation. TWIN nominees are successful public and private sector executive women recognized for their outstanding achievements and are nominated by leading companies and organizations in the Silicon Valley. They must meet rigorous criteria and are evaluated through a blind selection process by a committee of former TWIN Honorees. The selection is based solely on their achievements. Honorees will be named at the annual Tribute to Women Awards Program in May, 2008.

- **Additional Winter Shelter Available for the Homeless**

Since the beginning of the winter cold and storm season, local homeless shelters have been gearing up to provide extra shelter for the country's homeless population. Due to the extraordinary efforts of several homeless agencies, everyone seeking shelter assistance this winter is being provided a bed. At the end of November, in addition to filling the Boccardo Reception Center to capacity, the Emergency Housing Consortium opened two National Guard armories (in Gilroy and Sunnyvale) for shelter use. Over the past several weeks, InnVision has implemented an agency policy that will ensure that anyone seeking shelter from the cold is not turned away. Additionally, InnVision is providing blankets to clients who choose not to stay at the shelters. Finally, the San Jose Family Shelter has made special arrangements to provide activities for their clients to ensure that they stay warm and dry during the daytime.

- **Almaden Lake Phase II Update**

The westside of Almaden lake consists of the play area and water play

**In another instance, Officers responded to a report of a vehicular burglary on Whispering Pines Drive.** The suspect and suspect vehicle were gone prior to police arrival, however an officer observed the suspect vehicle on Highway 85, exiting Camden Avenue. The suspect was unable to negotiate the offramp and collided with another vehicle. A foot pursuit and perimeter led to the eventual apprehension of the suspect. The suspects vehicle turned out to be stolen and property was found in his possession linking him to numerous other burglaries.

- **Hats off to work2future Community Builder Award Recipients Starbucks and Macys!**

Starbucks and Macys were honored during last month's work2future board meeting. Each company has displayed extraordinary community spirit and investment in the long term economic health of Silicon Valley. work2future strengthens the economic base of San Jose by increasing employment opportunities and retention by providing no cost employment and training services. Angela Cipperly, Univision Radio, Saint Louise Hospital, Michelle Dominguez, Martha Mendoza, Susan Velez and Nora Dipper were also honored by the work2future board. For more information, please visit [www.work2future.biz](http://www.work2future.biz).

- **Congratulations to Pam Foley and Leslie Reynolds.** The San Jose Unified School District recently announced that during their Annual Organizational Meeting, the Board of Education elected Foley to serve as Board President and Reynolds to serve as Board Vice President for 2008.

- **Congratulations to Dartmouth Middle School,** located just across the street in neighboring District 9. Dartmouth Middle School was awarded first place in the middle school division of Wells Fargo Bank's Battle of the

improvements. The eastside of the lake consists of the terraced viewing area improvements. Overall, the project is at 70% completion. The Westside area has constructed 90% of the play equipment and will be starting the water play equipment in the next few weeks. The remaining scope items to be completed are the planting and irrigation, steel tubular fencing, and miscellaneous site amenities. The eastside has 90% completion of the concrete work for the terraced area and the posts for the shade structures have been installed. Remaining scope items to be completed include: finishing the shade structure installation, steel railing, planting and irrigation, as well as miscellaneous site amenities. **With the additional approved time extensions for change orders and winter furlough, the project is tentatively to be complete by March, 2008.**

## District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events



Join San Jose Councilmember  
**Nancy Pyle**  
for District 10's First Annual

# Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk & Resource Fair for Seniors

**Thursday, January 31st**  
8:30 am ~ Registration & Free Breakfast  
9:00 to 11:00 am ~ Walk & Resource Fair  
**Sears Courtyard**

Register Online at [www.sanjoseca.gov/district10](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10)

For more information, call 408-535-4910



Bands during the San Jose Holiday Parade on December 2nd. The friends, faculty and neighbors of Darmouth middle school are very proud of the hard working and talented marching band, flag squad and other color guard members who earned this recognition.

## City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208

# Council on Aging Silicon Valley

*Providing the Best for Seniors*

Proudly presents

## "Senior Recognition Days"

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### The Tech Museum of Innovation

201 South Market Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Featuring the Special Exhibition: *BODY WORLDS 2 & The Three Pound Gem*  
408.294.TECH (8324) [www.thetech.org](http://www.thetech.org)

January 7, 8, 9 have been designated as Senior Recognition Days at the Tech Museum. Seniors will receive a special discount price of \$15.00 only on those days. **Purchase is at the door and the discount is available to seniors 62+ with a valid ID from 9 am - 1 pm on January 7, 8, 9, 2008.**

*BODY WORLDS*, the original exhibit of anatomy, physiology, and health is now on display at the Tech Museum through January 26, 2008. In addition to *BODY WORLDS*, your ticket will gain free entrance to The Tech Museum's permanent galleries which include other information about the human body. As part of these special days, Council on Aging Silicon Valley RV will be present at the entrance of the Tech Museum of Innovation to help answer questions you may have about services for seniors and their caregivers in Santa Clara County. Please stop by for a Free Gift. Why not start the New Year right? Come visit *BODY WORLDS* at The Tech Museum and learn what a healthy lifestyle can do for you.

#### Council on Aging Silicon Valley

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### Neighborhood Center

## Council District 10 2008 Neighborhood Cleanup Schedule Announced!

**Saturday, April 19th** - Almaden Meadows, Monte Video, Montego, Oak Canyon, Guadalupe Oak Grove & Almaden Villas



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**Saturday, May 3rd** - Sunrise of Almaden & Almaden Hills Estates

**Saturday, May 10th** - VEP

**Saturday, May 17th** - Shadow Brook & Pfeiffer

Each cleanup will feature 22 large garbage bins where residents will be able to dispose of bulky items, metal, tires and rubbish materials at no cost. Cleanups are open to residents who live within the boundaries of the neighborhoods as identified by the City. Official flyers will be mailed to this year's scheduled neighborhoods two weeks prior to the event (all participants must bring a flyer).

Using current funding, Councilmembers are able to host cleanup events in each neighborhood across the City once every four to five years.

### **Almaden Valley Counseling Service Offers Parenting, Cooperative Parenting and Divorce Classes**



Positive Parenting Classes begin in February 2008. Classes are 7 weeks long, from 7:15 - 9:15 pm and are offered as follows:

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>School Age</b> | Mondays Feb 4th - March 17th    |
| <b>Teen Age</b>   | Wednesdays Feb 6th - March 19th |
| <b>Pre-School</b> | Thursdays Feb 7th - March 20 th |

Starting the first week of March 2008, AVCS is offering a new class called "Cooperative Parenting & Divorce" for parents who are divorced or in the process of divorcing. This class focuses on reducing parental conflict and addresses the factors that influence children's post-divorce adjustment.

This is an 8 week class offered from 7:15 - 9:15 pm.

For more information or to register, please call 408-997-0200 or email us at [staff@avcounseling.org](mailto:staff@avcounseling.org).

### **City Council Meetings**

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov) or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

## **World Calendar January 2008**

*This month Slovenia takes over the presidency of the European Union as the first of the new member states, the first primaries will be held in Iowa, Michigan, South Carolina, Nevada, and Florida for the 2008 U.S. presidential election, and on January 30th scientists give a 1 in 28 chance that asteroid 2007 WD5 will hit the planet Mars.*

Thurs., January 10th  
8:00 am - 9:30 am  
**Almaden Business Association Breakfast Meeting**  
Amato's Pizzeria; 6081 Meridian Ave

Thurs., January 10th  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)**  
Southside Community Center

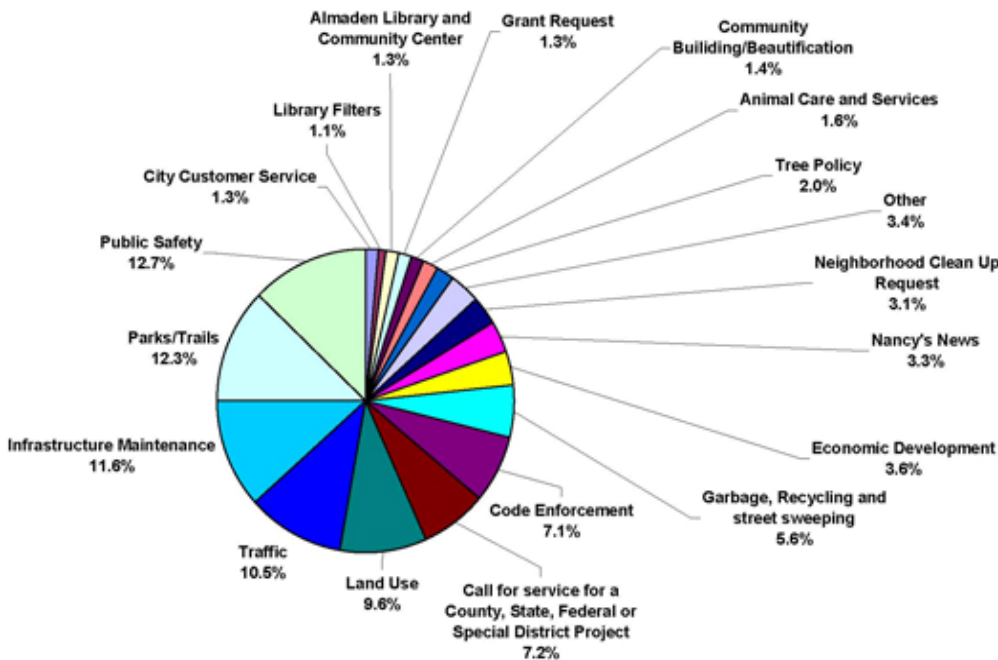
Mon., January 14th  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting**  
Almaden Community Center ;  
6445 Camden Avenue

## Trivia Is Back!!

**Q: Are there any countries where you can see lions and tigers and bears (Oh My!) in the wild?**

**A:** You might think that lions only live in Africa and tigers only live in Asia, however the Indian lion is slightly smaller than its African counterpart and is becoming increasingly rare these days. So what about the bears in India? The Himalayans actually have plenty of bears! So the answer for now is India.

2007 Constituent Concerns, Comments and Requests by Topic



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**"Procrastination is like a credit card: it's a lot of fun until you get the bill."**

**~ Christopher Parker**

Wed., January 16th

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

[Hoffman Via Monte](#)

### Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting

Hoffman Via Monte

Neighborhood Center; 1180

Blossom Hill Road, #2

Tues., January 22nd

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

### [VEP](#) Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

Vista Park Community Room;

Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive

Sat., January 26th

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Electronic Waste Collection Event

Brought to you by the Almaden Valley Counseling Service

Office Max/Rite Aid parking lot;

1130 Blossom Hill Road

Sun., February 3rd

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

### [Leland](#) Bridge Night

Leland High school;

6677 Camden Ave.

Tues., February 5th

Polls open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

### California Presidential Primary Election

Visit [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org)

to find your polling place

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